## COMPOSITE SURFACE ON A STAINLESS STEEL MATRIX ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A composite surface having a thickness from 10 to 5,000 microns comprising a spinel of the formula Mn<sub>x</sub>Cr<sub>3-x</sub>O<sub>4</sub> wherein x is from 0.5 to 2 and oxides of Mn, Si selected from the group consisting of MnO, MnSiO<sub>3</sub>, Mn<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>4</sub> and mixtures thereof which are not prone to coking and are suitable for hydrocarbyl reactions such as furnace tubes for cracking.